

## Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report

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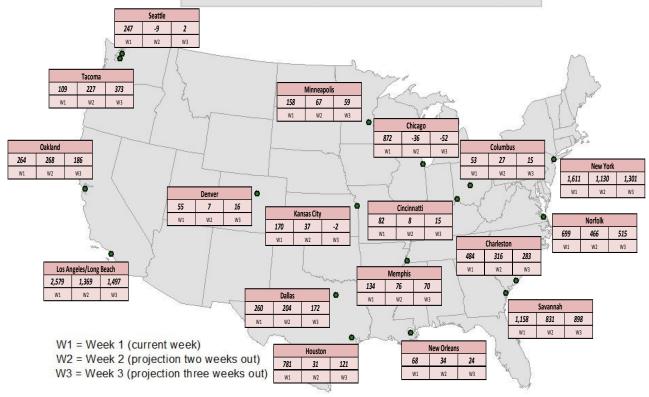
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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by five ocean container carriers.

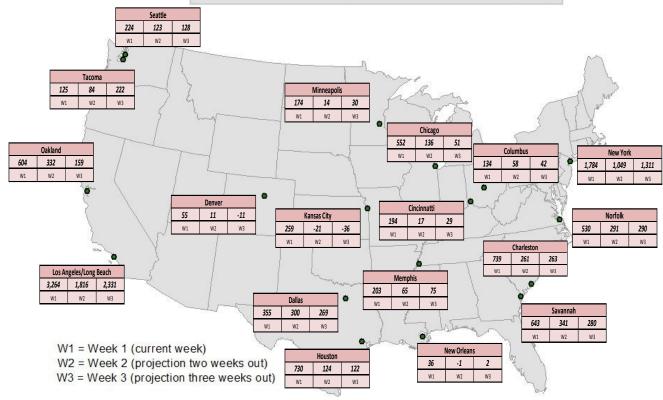
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### Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

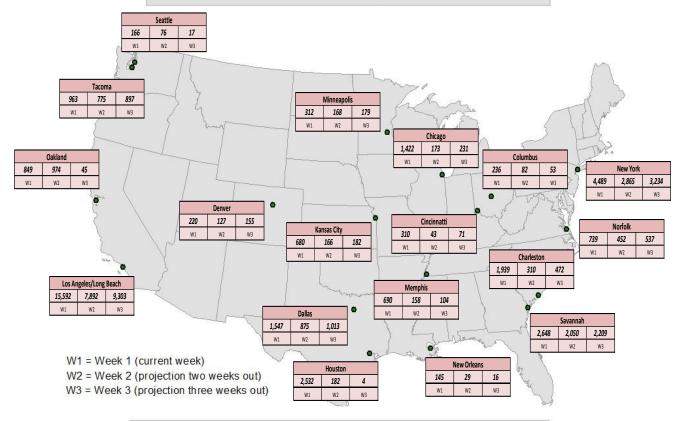


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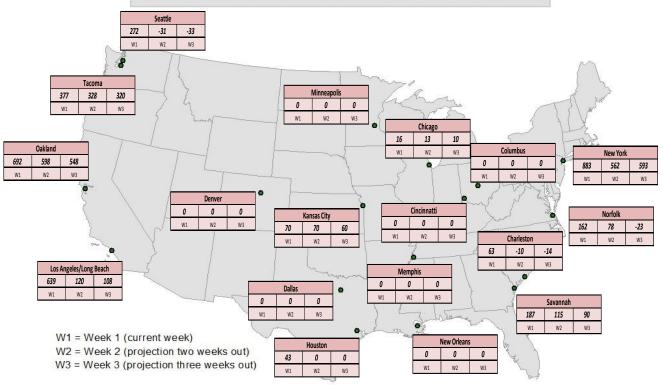




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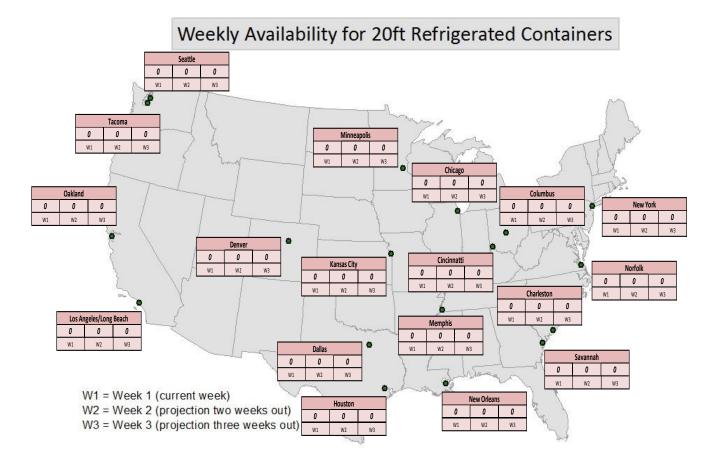


#### Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



# National Overview Week of Oct 11-17, 2017







	Charl	eston					
	20f	t Dry					
	Ca	Carrier Availability Responses					
Current Week: Oct 11-17	232	232 111 81 60 .					
Week 2: Oct 18-24		125	131	60	•	316	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		78	145	60	•	283	
	40f	t Dry					
	Carrier Availability Responses						
Current Week: Oct 11-17	406	168	105	60		739	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		136	65	60		261	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		127	76	60		263	
	40ft Hi	gh Cube					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Oct 11-17	1386	247	246	60		1,939	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0	250	60		310	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		167	245	60		472	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	39	14	10	0		63	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		-20	10	0		-10	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		-44	30	0		-14	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0				0	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0				0	



	Chie	cago				
	20f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				
Current Week: Oct 11-17	883	40	1	-52		872
Week 2: Oct 18-24		20	-46	-10	•	-36
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0	-55	3		-52
	40f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	466	97	0	-11		552
Week 2: Oct 18-24		126	0	10		136
Week 3: Oct 25-31		44	0	7		51
	40ft Hi	gh Cube				
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	1,298	101	23	0		1,422
Week 2: Oct 18-24		153	20	0		173
Week 3: Oct 25-31		127	104	0		231
	40ft Ref	rigerated	į			
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	16	0	0			16
Week 2: Oct 18-24	13	0	0			13
Week 3: Oct 25-31	10	0	0			10
	20ft Ref	rigerated	t			
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	•				0
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	•		•	•	0
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0					0



	Cinci	nnati	-	-			
	20f	t Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Oct 11-17	57	57 14 10 1 .					
Week 2: Oct 18-24	•	1	5	2	•	8	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		17	2	-4		15	
	40f	t Dry					
Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Oct 11-17	172	25	0	-3		194	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		20	0	-3		17	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		32	0	-3		29	
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	274	24	13	-1		310	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		33	7	3		43	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		54	20	-3		71	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0			Ι.	0	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	0				0	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0	0				0	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	i				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0					0	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0					0	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0					0	



	Colu	mbus		-	-			
	20f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Oct 11-17	25	25 22 5 1 .						
Week 2: Oct 18-24		19	5	3		27		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		19	0	-4		15		
	40f	t Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Oct 11-17	72	46	15	1		134		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		42	15	1		58		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		39	0	3		42		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Oct 11-17	172	55	10	-1		236		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		65	10	7		82		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		57	0	-4		53		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł					
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0			Ι.	0		
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	0				0		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0	0				0		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	i					
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0					0		
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0					0		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0					0		



	Da	llas				
		t Dry				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				
Current Week: Oct 11-17	118	95	31	16		260
Week 2: Oct 18-24	•	161	28	15		204
Week 3: Oct 25-31	•	120	52	0	•	172
	40f	t Dry				
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	167	112	67	9		355
Week 2: Oct 18-24	214		76	10		300
Week 3: Oct 25-31	182		77	10		269
	40ft Hi	gh Cube				
	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	740	716	68	23		1,547
Week 2: Oct 18-24		748	97	30		875
Week 3: Oct 25-31		805	138	70		1,013
	40ft Ref	rigerated	i			
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0		•		0
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	0				0
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0	0				0
	20ft Ref	rigerated	i			
Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0		•	•	•	0
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0		•	•	•	0
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0			•	•	0



	Dei	nver		•	•		
	20f	t Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Oct 11-17	43	43 12 0 0 .					
Week 2: Oct 18-24		7	0	0	•	7	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		16	0	0	•	16	
	40f	t Dry					
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	33	22	0	0		55	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	11		0	0		11	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	-11		0	0		-11	
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	152	68	0	0		220	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	127		0	0		127	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	155		0	0		155	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	k				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	0				0	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0	0				0	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	k				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0					0	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0					0	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0					0	



	Hou	ston		-				
	20f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	710	710 41 18 12 .						
Week 2: Oct 18-24		52	1	-22		31		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	•	47	30	44	•	121		
	40f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	612	111	7	0		730		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		106	18	0		124		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		120	2	0		122		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	2,384	93	55	0		2,532		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		94	88	0		182		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		-71	75	0		4		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	l					
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	43	0	0			43		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0	0			0		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0	0			0		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	i					
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0				0		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0				0		



	Kansa	as City	•					
		t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Oct 11-17	105	105 66 0 -1 .						
Week 2: Oct 18-24		39	0	-2	•	37		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0	0	-2	•	-2		
	40f	t Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses								
Current Week: Oct 11-17	230	29	0	0		259		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		-22	1	0		-21		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		-36	0	0		-36		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Oct 11-17	510	164	6	0		680		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		151	0	15		166		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		180	-5	7		182		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	i					
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	70	0	0			70		
Week 2: Oct 18-24	70	0	0	•		70		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	60	0	0			60		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	i					
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0					0		
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0				•	0		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0			•		0		



Los A	ngeles a	nd Lo	ng Bea	ach				
	20f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Oct 11-17	1,028	1,028 799 692 60 .						
Week 2: Oct 18-24		629	680	60		1,369		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		690	747	60		1,497		
	40f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	1,716	1,066	422	60		3,264		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		1,294	462	60		1,816		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		1,812	459	60		2,331		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Oct 11-17	7,898	4,572	3,062	60		15,592		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		4,529	3,303	60		7,892		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		5,820	3,423	60		9,303		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	k					
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	497	79	63	0	Ι.	639		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		46	74	0		120		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		13	95	0		108		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	t					
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total			
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0	•	•		0		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0				0		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0				0		



Memphis									
	20f	t Dry							
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Oct 11-17	70	70 57 6 1 .							
Week 2: Oct 18-24	66		10	0	•	76			
Week 3: Oct 25-31	74		0	-4	•	70			
	40f	t Dry							
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total			
Current Week: Oct 11-17	112	56	30	5		203			
Week 2: Oct 18-24		46	30	-11		65			
Week 3: Oct 25-31		17	45	13		75			
	40ft Hi	gh Cube							
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Oct 11-17	550	105	25	10		690			
Week 2: Oct 18-24		118	40	0	•	158			
Week 3: Oct 25-31		103	10	-9	•	104			
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł						
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total			
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0			
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	0				0			
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0	0				0			
	20ft Ref	rigerated	1						
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total			
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0					0			
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0					0			
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0				•	0			



	Minne	apoli	S	•		
	20ft	t Dry				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	110	48	0	0		158
Week 2: Oct 18-24		73	-8	2	•	67
Week 3: Oct 25-31		51	2	6	•	59
	40ft	t Dry				
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	150	15	9	0		174
Week 2: Oct 18-24		25	-11	0		14
Week 3: Oct 25-31		25	5	0		30
	40ft Hig	gh Cube				
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	172	124	16	0		312
Week 2: Oct 18-24		180	-16	4		168
Week 3: Oct 25-31		178	1	0		179
	40ft Ref	rigerated	k			
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	0				0
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0	0				0
	20ft Ref	rigerated	t			
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0					0
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0					0
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0					0



	New C	Orlean	IS	٠			
	20f	t Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Oct 11-17	63	63 39 0 -34 .					
Week 2: Oct 18-24		41	0	-7	•	34	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		46	3	-25		24	
	40f	t Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Oct 11-17	26	10	0	0		36	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		2	-3	0		-1	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		-4	6	0	•	2	
	40ft Hi	gh Cube					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Oct 11-17	90	68	2	-15		145	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		33	0	-4	•	29	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		43	0	-27	•	16	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	d				
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	0				0	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0	0			•	0	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	d				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0				•	0	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0				•	0	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	0					0	



	New	York	•		•		
		t Dry					
		Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	615	615 474 462 60 .					
Week 2: Oct 18-24	•	665	405	60	•	1,130	
Week 3: Oct 25-31	•	772	469	60	•	1,301	
	40f	t Dry					
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	858	631	235	60		1,784	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		815	174	60		1,049	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		966	285	60		1,311	
	40ft Hi	gh Cube					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	1,848	1,591	990	60		4,489	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		1,915	890	60		2,865	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		2,050	1,124	60		3,234	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	405	382	96	0		883	
Week 2: Oct 18-24		472	90	0		562	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		506	87	0		593	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0	
Week 2: Oct 18-24	•	0	•		•	0	
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0				0	



	Noi	folk				
	20f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				
Current Week: Oct 11-17	279	246	114	60	•	699
Week 2: Oct 18-24	351	•	55	60	•	466
Week 3: Oct 25-31	401		54	60		515
	40f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	273	216	60	-19		530
Week 2: Oct 18-24	243		60	-12		291
Week 3: Oct 25-31	244		60	-14		290
	40ft Hi	gh Cube				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	418	265	60	-4		739
Week 2: Oct 18-24		332	60	60		452
Week 3: Oct 25-31		434	60	43	•	537
	40ft Ref	rigerated	i			
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	80	67	15	0		162
Week 2: Oct 18-24	68		10	0		78
Week 3: Oct 25-31	-33		10	0		-23
	20ft Ref	rigerated	i			
	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0	•	•		0
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0	•	•		0
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0		•	•	0



	Oak	land		,		
	20f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	102	97	60	5		264
Week 2: Oct 18-24	158		60	50		268
Week 3: Oct 25-31	63		60	63		186
	40f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	292	134	118	60		604
Week 2: Oct 18-24		155	117	60		332
Week 3: Oct 25-31		-1	100	60		159
	40ft Hi	gh Cube				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	435	227	127	60		849
Week 2: Oct 18-24	645	269		60		974
Week 3: Oct 25-31	-134	119		60		45
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł			
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	325	300	67	0		692
Week 2: Oct 18-24	325	273		0		598
Week 3: Oct 25-31	330	218		0		548
	20ft Ref	rigerated	j			
	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0				0
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0				0

 $Note: Reefer\ container\ availability\ data\ for\ Mitsui\ OSK\ Line\ available\ through\ San\ Francisco\ instead\ of\ Oakland.$ 



	Sava	nnah				
	20f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				
Current Week: Oct 11-17	455	449	194	60		1,158
Week 2: Oct 18-24	561		210	60		831
Week 3: Oct 25-31	682		156	60		898
	40f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	436	142	60	5		643
Week 2: Oct 18-24		285	60	-4		341
Week 3: Oct 25-31		243	60	-23		280
	40ft Hi	gh Cube				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	1,236	1,163	189	60		2,648
Week 2: Oct 18-24		1,819	171	60		2,050
Week 3: Oct 25-31		1,893	256	60		2,209
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł			
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total
Current Week: Oct 11-17	79	55	53	0		187
Week 2: Oct 18-24	60	55		0		115
Week 3: Oct 25-31	61	29		0		90
	20ft Ref	rigerated	ŀ			
	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0				0
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0				0



	Sea	ittle	•	•				
20ft Dry								
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Oct 11-17	228	60	-5	-36		247		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		60	4	-73		-9		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		60	11	-69	•	2		
	40f	Dry						
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	140	60	28	-4		224		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		60	56	7		123		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		60	58	10		128		
40ft High Cube								
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	174	60	-23	-45		166		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		60	26	-10		76		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		60	-58	15		17		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	275	10	0	-13		272		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		10	0	-41		-31		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		9	0	-42		-33		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	ł					
	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total			
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0				0		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0				0		



	Tac	oma						
	20f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	95	95 40 31 -57 .						
Week 2: Oct 18-24	83	25	•	119	•	227		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	79	330		-36		373		
	40f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	115	57	17	-64		125		
Week 2: Oct 18-24	0	82		2	•	84		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	155	114		-47	•	222		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	926	43	0	-6		963		
Week 2: Oct 18-24	541		50	184		775		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	599		260	38		897		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Oct 11-17	316	60	1	0		377		
Week 2: Oct 18-24	264	64		0		328		
Week 3: Oct 25-31	238	82		0		320		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	j	_				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total			
Current Week: Oct 11-17	0	0				0		
Week 2: Oct 18-24		0			•	0		
Week 3: Oct 25-31		0				0		

## **Understanding this Report**

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 5 ocean carriers including COSCO Shipping, Evergreen, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, OOCL, and Mitsui OSK Line.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 2–4 offer a national overview of weekly container availability. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:

20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.

40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.

40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).

40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.

20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.

Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)



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